

SHIRLEY OF SHIRLEY, DERBYS  
SHIRLEY EARL FERRERS

ARMS: \*Paly of six or and azure a quarter ermine (a1272)

QUARTERING Or crusilly .... a lion rampant azure .... crowned .... (\*1680) [PLOT]  
[BREWES]

CREST: A Saracen's head in profile couped proper wreathed about the temples or and  
azure [BP]

An article "THE ORIGIN OF THE SHIRLEYS AND OF THE GRESLEYS" by J. Horace Round in  
JDANHS (1905) 151-84 should be consulted.

**Sewall c1060-**

(lord of ...., Derbys) 1086  
chn: Henry {Shirley} [1] below  
Fulcher {Shirley} [2] below  
Hugh {Shirley}  
Sewall {Shirley}  
Ralph {Shirley}

**Henry Shirley of Shirley, Derbys**

(had no chn)  
(succeeded by his nephew Sewall)

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**Fulcher Shirley of Shirley, Derbys c1100-**

(by grant from Prior of Tutbury, held land in Shirley) c1130  
(by acquisition, patron of Shirley) c1130  
chn: Jordan Shirley [1] m (with advowson of Shirley) .... ....  
Henry Shirley [2] below  
Sewall Shirley [3] b c1145 below  
Fulcher (Shirley ALIAS) Edensor [3] b c1147 further below  
Emma Shirley  
. [dau]. Shirley

**Henry Shirley of Shirley, Derbys**

(sold his birthright to his brother Sewall)  
chn: Fulcher Shirley

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**Sewall Shirley of Shirley, Derbys c1145-**

m1 Alice ....  
m2 Maud Ridel  
(by purchase from his brother Henry, lord of Shirley, Derbys)  
chn: Henry Shirley below  
Ralph Shirley  
William Shirley  
Fulcher Shirley  
Richard Shirley  
Hugh Shirley

**Henry Shirley of Shirley, Derbys c1175-**

chn: Sewall Shirley below  
Avice Shirley m Serlo Grendon  
[?] Ralph Shirley

**Sewallis Shirley of Shirley, Derbys c1200-**

m Isabel Meynell dau and coheir of Robert Meynell of Langley Meynell, Derbys c1180-  
.... [SLG]  
chn: James Shirley below  
Elizabeth Shirley m John Walton (son of Simon Walton ((Bishop of Norwich)))

**Sir James Shirley of Shirley, Derbys Knight c1225-c1278**

m Agnes Walton dau of Simon Walton (Bishop of Norwich)

d c1278

(of age) 1247

chn: Ralph Shirley below

James Shirley  
Simon Shirley  
Henry Shirley (Incumbent, St George, Norfolk)

Sir Ralph Shirley of Shirley, Derbys Knight c1255-1327

m1 .....

m2 Margaret Waldeshief dau and coheir of Walter Waldeshief of Fairfield, Derbys (Cup Bearer to Edward II); b c1300

d 1327

(of age) 1278; (Sheriff, Staffs & Salop) 1295-8 1300; (Sheriff, Derbys & Notts) 1298-1300 1301-32; (Custodian, Horston Castle, Derbys) 1301 [JDANHS 1938 24]; (M.P., Warwicks) ?1311

chn: Ralph Shirley [1] (had no chn)

[2] Thomas Shirley b c1318 below

Sir Thomas Shirley of Shirley, Derbys Knight c1318-1362

m Isabel {Bassett} ("sister" and heir by settlement of Ralph Bassett 3rd Baron Basset of Drayton 1333-1390 [SLG]; b c1325; m1 John Peveril ....-1349; m2 Richard Bradston; m3 Robert Rigge; m4 Sir Thomas Shirley of Shirley, Derbys Knight c1300-1362 [SLG]; m5 Sir John Woodhill Knight ....-1367; m6 Sir Gerard Braybrooke of Colmworth, Beds Knight c1332-1403 [PARL]; d 25 Apr 1393 [see PARL 1386-1421 343-4])

d (aApr) 1362; i Newark, Leics

(M.P., Warwicks) ?1340

(said to have fought at Crecy and Poitiers)

chn: Hugh Shirley b c1362; (aged 21) 1383 below

Sir Hugh Shirley of Shirley, Derbys Knight c1362-1403

m a1390 Beatrice Brewes dau and heir=b of Sir Peter Brewes of Wiston, Sussex Knight c1337-1377; (sister and eventual heir of Sir John Brewes of Wiston, Sussex ....-1426); b c1366; d 1440

d slain 21 Jul 1403 Shrewsbury; IPM (Many Counties) 28 Jul 1403/25 Oct 1403 [705 709 etc]

(of Lower Ettington, Warwicks)

(as nephew and by settlement heir of Ralph Bassett 3rd Baron Bassett of Drayton 1333-1390 [SLG], lord of ....) 1390-1403

(aged 21) 1383; (knighted) aJun 1392; (Commr.) 1398-1403; (J.P., Notts) 1399-d; (Master of the King's hawks) 27 Mar 1400-d; (J.P., Derbys & Warwicks) 1401-d; (fought for the King at Shrewsbury) 1403 [PARL2]

chn: Ralph Shirley b 23 Apr 1390 OR 1391 below

Isabel Shirley m1 a1422 Sir John Cokayne of Ashbourne, Derbys Knight c1370-1438 [SLG]; m2 c1441 Thomas Bate of Pooley, Warwicks c1390-1459 [SLG]; 1459 hw

Joan Shirley m Robert Newmarch

Elizabeth Shirley

Nichola Shirley [dau]

.[dau]. Shirley

Sir Ralph Shirley of Shirley, Derbys Knight a1391-c1443

b 23 Apr 1390 OR 1391

m1 Joan Bassett dau and heir of Thomas Bassett of Brailsford, Derbys c1364-.... [SLG];

d aAug 1408; i Ratcliffe-upon-Soar removed to Newarke, Leics

m2 1412-9 Alice Cokayne dau of Sir John Cokayne of Ashbourne, Derbys c1370-1438 [SLG];

d 28 May 1466

d c1443 "ultra mare"; i Newarke, Leics

(by right of his 1st wife, lord of Brailsford+A, Derbys)

(knighted) 8 Apr 1413; (Master Forester, Duchy of Lancaster Honour of Leicester) 22 Jan 1413.4-d; (a Chief Commander, Agincourt) 1415; (J.P., Leics) 1415-8 1420-3; (Commr.) 1419-22; (M.P., Leics) 1420; (Sheriff, Notts & Derbys) 1420-2 [PARL2]

chn: Ralph Shirley b aAug 1408 below

Beatrix Shirley m John Brome of Baddesley Clinton, Warwicks c1410-....

[VIS.WARWICKS.1619 97]

[2] Ralph [II] Shirley

Ralph Shirley of Shirley, Derbys Esquire a1408-1466

b aAug 1408

m1 (papal dispensation, 23 Sep 1423) Margaret Dau and coheir of John Staunton of Staunton Harold, Leics c1370-1405 [SLG]

m2 Elizabeth dau of Sir Thomas Blount of Barton Blount, Derbys Knight c1383-1456 [SLG]

m3 a1458 Lucy Aston dau of Sir John Aston of Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs; m1 Richard Byron c1413-a1450 [SLG]; m2 Sir Bertram Entwistle Knight (Baron and Viscount of

Brykbek in Normandy) c1410-1455 [SURTEES 144]; d 12 Feb 1481.2; i Brailsford; M.I.

[below]

d Dec 1466; i Brailsford; M.I. [below]

(under age, as the younger, an armiger, in ward to Ralph Shirley and Beatrice wife of Hugh Shirley, sued for breaking into etc) 1424 [PFTPR 318]; (Constable, Melbourne Castle); (Constable, Castle in the Peak, Derbys); (a Lancastrian, fought at the first battle of St Albans) 22 May \*1455

chn: John Shirley b c1427 below

[2] Ralph Shirley b c1445; (Esquire of the Body, Henry VII [1485-1509])

[for his family see COLLINS IV 93-4 note and VIS.LEICS.1619 26-7]

... Rauf Shirley Squier and Dame Luce his thrid wyf on who soules God have mercy.

Hic jacet Dna Lucia ux. Radi Shirley Dni de Brailesford quondam uxor Rici Baron de Clayton in Co. Lancasteri et quondam ux. Bertrami Entwyssell militis, filia Johis Ashton militis, que obiit xii Feb Ao. Dni 1481. [COX III 43]

John Shirley of Shirley, Derbys Esquire c1427-1486

m a1458 Eleanor Willoughby dau of Sir Hugh Willoughby of Wollaton Hall, Notts c1385-.... [SLG]

d 1486

(an indentured retainer of William Hastings Baron Hastings) 24 Apr 1474; (presented at Brailsford) 1482

chn: Ralph Shirley b c1460; (aged 26) 1486 below

Alice Shirley m Robert Brooksby of Shoby, Leics

Jane Shirley m Richard Kniveton of Bradley, Derbys

Eleanor OR Elizabeth Shirley m Robert Haselrigg of Donington, Leics:

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Ann Shirley m John Danvers of Swithland, Leics [DUNHAM 29]

[5 brothers] [see Ralph's will]

Sir Ralph Shirley of Shirley, Derbys Knight c1460-1517

m1 Elizabeth Walsh dau and coheir of Thomas OR William Walsh of Wanlip, Leics c1428-.... [SLG]

m2 c1496 Ann Vernon dau of Sir Henry Vernon of Tong, Salop Knight c1441-1515 [SLG]; (but

had no chn)

m3 a1508 Ann Warner dau of Thomas Warner; (but had no chn)

m4 c1514 Jane Sheffield dau of Sir Robert Sheffield of Butterwick, Lincs Knight c1461-1518 [SLG]; b c1495; m2 William Hastings [FOR ORDER OF WIVES SEE DRS 231-2]

d 6 Jan 1516.7; Will (PCC) 2 Jan 1516.7/1 Dec 1517 [abstract Test. Vet. 530]

(lord of Brailsford+A, Derbys)

(an indentured retainer of William Hastings Baron Hastings) 9 Aug 1481; (knight banneret at battle of Stoke) 16 Jun 1487; (Commr.) 1487-96; (J.P., Leics) 1489-93 1496-d; (presented at Brailsford) 1489 1497; (Sheriff, Warwicks and Leics) 1493-4; (Sheriff, Notts and Derbys) 1496-7; (J.P., Derbys) 1497-d; (pardoned) 14 May 1510 [PARL1]

chn: Ann Shirley [heir=m] b c1482; m a1518 Sir Thomas Pulteney of Misterton, Leics Knight c1480-.... [SLG]

[4] Francis Shirley [heir] [? b 26 Jan 1515] below

[?] Thomas Shirley d 6 Feb 1545.6; i Brailsford; M.I. "Hic jacet Thomas Shirley fil Radi Shirley ar, qui obiit 6 Feb. 1545" [COX III 43]

**Francis Shirley of Staunton Harold, Leics ?1515-1571**

[? b 26 Jan 1515]

m underage (by licence, 8 Apr 1535) Dorothy Giffard dau of Sir John Giffard of Chillington in Brewood, Staffs Knight c1466-1556 [SLG]; m1 John Congreve of Shareshill, Staffs

c1490-a1535 [SLG]; Will (...) 9 Aug 1571/16 May 1571

d 25 Jul 1571; i 7 Aug 1571 Breedon-on-the-Hill, Leics; M.I.

(lord of Brailsford+A, Derbys)

(presented at Brailsford) 1555

(Sheriff, Warwick & Leics) ?1556

chn: John Shirley b c1536 below

Edward Shirley d young

Ralph Shirley

Cassandra Shirley m a1572 Walter Powtrell of West Hallam, Derbys 1545-1598

[VIS.DERBYS.1662] [JDANHS 1921 39-41] [COX IV 225]; (and had chn:

[3 sons, 4 daus])

Elizabeth Shirley m (as his 1st wife) Thomas Cotton of Conington, Hunts c1541-

.... [VIS.HUNTS.1613] ; (and had chn: Robert b 1571; d 1631; (antiquarian);  
(1st Baronet) [DNB])  
Ann Shirley m John Brooke of Madeley, Salop 1538-1598 [SLG]

**John Shirley (of Staunton Harold, Leics) c1536-1570**

m Jane Lovet dau and heir of Thomas Lovet of Astwell, Northants c1511-1586

[VIS.DERBYS.1662] [VIS.NORTHANTS.1564 34-5]

d before his father 12 Sep 1570; i Breedon-on-th-Hill, Leics; M.I.

chn: George Shirley [1] b 23 Apr 1559 Staunton Harold [CB] below

Ralph Shirley [2] (trained for priesthood)

Dorothy Shirley m James Dyer

Elizabeth Shirley (a nun at Louvain)

King John Shirley [3] ("died of a wound received in France in the service of the King of Spain")

Thomas Shirley [4]

Ann Shirley m William Grosvenor of The Brand, Salop c1579-1641 [SLG]

(also said to have died unmarried)

[for his chn see VIS.NORTHANTS.1564 35]

Sir George Shirley of Staunton Harold, Leics 1st Baronet 1559-1622

b 23 Apr 1559 Staunton Harold [CB]

m1 (settlement, 21 Feb 1586.7) Frances Berkeley 2nd dau of Henry Berkeley 7th Baron Berkeley 1534-1613 [CP]; b c1564; d 29 Dec 1595 aged 31; i Bredon-on-the-Hill, Leics; M.I.

m2 1599 Dorothy Wroughton dau of Sir Thomas Wroughton of Wilcot, Wilts; (but had no chn); m1 Sir Henry Unton of Farringdon, Berks c1559-1596; Will (...) ..../1635

d 27 Apr 1622 aged 63 Astwell, Northants; i 28 Apr 1622 Bredon-on-the-Hill, Leics; M.I.; Will (unproved) 20 Jan 1599.1600

(of Astwell, Northants)

(aged 15, matric. Hart Hall, Oxford) 1573; (Sheriff, Northants) 1603; (created a Baronet) 22 May 1611 [CB]

chn: John Shirley d young

George Shirley d young

Henry Shirley b c1588; (aged 34) 1622 below

Thomas Shirley b c1593; [? m Mary Harpur dau of Thomas Harpur of Rushall§]

[VIS.LEICS.1619 26]]; (as 2nd son of George S. of Astwell Bart., adm. Middle Temple) 23 Jun 1613 [MT]; (knighted at Whitehall) 22 May 1622; (an antiquary); (of Botolphs Bridge, Hunts)

Mary Shirley unm.

Sir Henry Shirley of Ettington, Warwicks 2nd Baronet c1588-1633

m 1 Aug 1616 Staunton Harold: Dorothy Devereux 2nd dau and coheir of Robert

Devereux 2nd Earl of Essex 1566-1601 [SLG]; m2 1634 William Stafford

of Blatherwick, Northants 1596-1637 [SLG]]; d 30 Mar 1636; i 5 Apr 1636

Blatherwick

d 8 Feb 1632.3; i Bredon-on-the-Hill, Leics; Will (...) 5 Sep 1629 to 9 Aug 1632/2 Apr 1633; IPM (Leicester) 18 Apr 1633 [abstract COLLINS IV 97]

(by right of his wife, of Chartley)

(aged 34) 1622; (Sheriff, Leics) 1624-5 [CB]

chn: Lettice Shirley b c1617; (aged c5) 1622 [VIS]; m William Bourke .... Earl of Clanrickard [I.] ..... [...]

Charles Shirley b 9 Sep 1623 [IPM] below

Robert Shirley b 1629 [DNB] below

Charles Shirley of Ettington, Warwicks 3rd Baronet 1623-1646

b 9 Sep 1623 [IPM]

unm.

d 7 Jun 1646 aged 23 Essex House, Strand, Middx; i 3 Jul 1646 Bredon-on-the-Hill, Leics; Adm (...) 14 Aug 1646 and 26 Nov 1646 and 1 Jun 1650

(of Chartley)

(matric. Merton, Oxford) 2 Mar 1639.40; (compounded 600 for his estate) 12 Aug 1645; (succeeded by his brother Robert) [CB]

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**Sir Robert Shirley of Ettington, Warwicks 4th Baronet 1629-1656**

b 1629 [DNB]

m c1646 Catherine Okeover dau of Humphrey Okeover of Okeover§ 1609-1639 [SLG]; b 31 Aug

1627 Okeover; d 18 Oct 1672 Astwell, Northants; i 20 Oct 1672 Staunton Harold;

Will

(...) 1673  
d ?poisoned 6 Nov 1656 Tower of London; i 22 Dec 1656 Bredon-on-the-Hill, Leics  
removed to Staunton Harold; Will (...) 29 Nov 1654/1657  
of Chartley)  
(matric. fellow-commoner, Corpus Christi, Oxford) 7 Jun 1646; (several times  
imprisoned for Royalist plots); (committed to the Tower by Cromwell); (left money  
for distressed Royalists); (his widow, as Lady Shirley, 20 hearths "and Tenne  
decreased by fire", Chartley) 1666 HT [CB] [DNB]  
chn: Seymour Shirley [1] b 23 Jan 1646.7 [BP] below  
    Sewallis Shirley [2] b c1648; d *in infancy* 1650  
    Robert Shirley [3] b East Sheen; c 20 Oct 1650 Mortlake, Surrey further below  
    Catherine Shirley m Peter Venables of Kinderton, Cheshire c1644-a1719 [SLG]  
    Dorothy Shirley m (as his 2nd wife) George Vernon of Sudbury, Derbys c1635-1702  
    [SLG]

### **Sir Seymour Shirley 5th Baronet 1647-1667**

b 23 Jan 1646.7  
m 29 Jan 1666 ....: Diana Bruce dau of Robert Bruce 1st Earl of Ailesbury 1626-  
1685 [CP] [PARL]; m2 10 Nov 1671 Ampthill, Beds: John Manners 1st Duke of Rutland  
1638-1711 [CP] [DNB]; d 15 Jul 1672 Belvoir Castle; i Bottesford, Leics  
d 16 Jul 1667 aged 20; i Staunton Harold; Adm (...) 13 Mar 1666.7  
(of Chartley)  
(matric. Christ Church, Oxford) 20 Mar 1660; (owner of Chartley Park) c1660  
[ERDESWICK (1844) xix-xxi]; (M.A.) 12 Sep 1661 [CB]  
chn: Robert Shirley b posthumous Jan 1667.8 below

### **Robert Shirley 6th Baronet 1668-1669**

b *posthumous* Jan 1667.8  
i 11 Mar 1668.9 Staunton Harold; Adm (...) 8 Apr 1669 [CB]  
(of Chartley)

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### **Robert Shirley 1st Earl Ferrers 1650-1717**

b East Sheen; c 20 Oct 1650 Mortlake, Surrey 3rd son of Sir Robert Shirley of  
Ettington, Warwicks 4th Baronet 1629-1656 [SLG]  
m1 28 Dec 1671 ....: Elizabeth Washington dau and heir of Lawrence Washington of  
Garsdon, Wilts 1622-1662 [PARL]; b c1656; d 2 Oct 1693; i 3 Oct 1693 Staunton  
Harold aged 37  
m2 (a19 Aug) 1699 Selina Finch dau of George Finch of St Helen Bishopgate, London  
merchant c1651-1688 [VIS.LONDON.1664 62]; c 7 Apr 1681 St Helen, Bishopsgate,  
London; d 20 Mar 1762 Twickenham, Middx; i 25 Mar 1762 Twickenham, Middx; M.I.;  
Will (...) ..../1762  
d 25 Dec 1717 Bath; i 13 Jan 1717.8 Staunton Harold; M.I. (Lower Ettington,  
Warwicks); Will (...) ..../Jan 1718  
(7th Baronet); (lord of Brailsford, Derbys (and patron)); (as uncle and heir, of  
Staunton Harold, Leics and Chartley§); (matric. Christ Church, Oxford) 3 May 1667;  
(as under age Knight, he with his mother and guardian Lady Katherine, and guardians  
Sir Francis Burdett and Sir Edward Bagot, presented at Brailsford) 1668 [COX III  
38]; (created M.A.) 15 Jul 1669; (as coheir of the Barony of Ferrers, the abeyance  
was terminated in his favour, and he received a writ of summons as LORD FERRERS) 14  
Dec 1677; (Lord Lieut., Staffs) Sep-Nov 1687; (P.C.) 25 May 1699-1714; (of Chartley  
Castle) \*1707; (a Tory); (created VISCOUNT TAMWORTH co. Stafford and EARL FERRERS) 3  
Sep 1711  
chn: Elizabeth Shirley [1] d *in infancy*  
    Catherine Shirley [2] d *in infancy*  
    Robert Shirley [1] b 4 Sep 1673 below  
    Elizabeth Shirley [3] m Walter Clarges  
    Washington Shirley [2] b 22 Jun 1677; d 14 Apr 1729; (2nd Earl Ferrers) [see  
    WESTMINSTER 333] [SIMMS]  
    Ann Eleanor Shirley [4] b 1679; d 1754  
    Catherine Shirley [5] unm.; d Oct 1736  
    Dorothy Shirley [6] b 1683; m 1700 John Cotes of Woodcote, Salop 1680-1756  
[SLG];  
        d 3 Apr 1721  
        Charles Shirley  
        Lewis Shirley b 1685; d 1710  
        George Shirley  
        Charles Shirley  
        Ferrers Shirley b c1687; d 4 Oct 1712; (at Inner Temple) 1704; (matric. Christ  
        Church, Oxford) 3 May 1712  
        Walter Shirley  
        Henry Shirley [9] b 14 Apr 1691; unm.; d 6 Aug 1745; (3rd Earl Ferrers)

Barbara Shirley [7] unm.; d 7 Nov 1768  
Lawrence Shirley [10] b 26 Sep 1693; (of Staunton Harold); (ancestor of later Earls Ferrers)  
[2] Robert Shirley [11] b 27 May 1700; unm.; d 12 Jul 1738; (M.P., Stamford) 1727-34

[PARL]

George Shirley [12] d 1704  
George Shirley [13] b 23 Oct 1705 Lower Ettington, Warwicks [see BLG 1914]  
Sewallis Shirley [14] b 19 Oct 1709; d 31 Oct 1765; (M.P., Brackley) 1742-54;  
(M.P., Callington) 1754-61 [PARL]  
John Shirley [15] b 1712; unm.; d 1768  
Selina Shirley [8]  
Mary Shirley [9]  
Ann Shirley [10]  
Frances Shirley [11]  
Steuarta Shirley [12]  
[said to have had 30 illegitimate chn]

Hon. Robert Shirley of Staunton Harold, Leics 1673-1699

b 4 Sep 1673

m1 Catherine Venables dau of Peter Venables of Kinderton, Cheshire c1644-.... [SLG];  
(but had no chn)  
m2 27 Sep 1688 ....: Ann Ferrers dau and heir of Sir Humphrey Ferrers of Tamworth  
Castle§ Knight 1653-1678 [SLG]; b c1676; d 27 Sep 1697  
d of small pox, before his father 25 Feb 1698.9 aged 25  
(M.P., Staffs) (defeated, 1698)

chn:

[2] Robert Shirley b 28 Dec 1692 Staunton Harold; c 9 Jan 1692.3 Staunton Harold  
below  
Ferrers Shirley d 1710  
Thomas Shirley d 1708  
Elizabeth Shirley [heir=b] b 19 Aug 1694 Staunton Harold below

Robert Shirley "Viscount Tamworth" 1692-1714

b 28 Dec 1692 Staunton Harold; c 9 Jan 1692.3 Staunton Harold

unm.

d before his grandfather, of the smallpox 5 Jul 1714; i 21 Jul 1714 Staunton Harold  
M.I.; Will (...) ..../Jul 1714  
(Tory); (M.P., Leics) 1713-4 [PARL]

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Elizabeth Shirley [heir=b] 1694-1741

b 19 Aug 1694 Staunton Harold

m (settlement, 28 Feb 1715.6) 3 Mar 1715.6 St Anne, Soho, Middx: James Compton 5th  
Earl of Northampton 1687-1754 [CP]

d 13 Mar 1740.1; i 21 Mar 1740.1 Compton, Warwicks

chn: [3 daus]

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**Fulcher Shirley ALIAS Edensor of Edensor c1147-**

b c1247 3rd son of Fulcher Shirley of Shirley, Derbys

m1 Margaret Boyleston dau and coheir of Thomas Boyleston of Boyleston, Derbys c1125-  
.... [SLG]

m2 ....

chn: Maud Edensor  
Christian Edensor (nun)

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\*1583 (ASTON BASSETT); BP (FERRERS); CB (SHIRLEY); CP (FERRERS); DRS 217 231-2;  
NORRIS; SHC 1909 185 pedigree; CHECK: Shirley, Evelyn Philip STEMMATA SHIRLEIANA 2nd  
1873; COLLINS IV 95-104; COX III 35-45; JDANHS 1927 A LOT T0 D0 (23/12/03)

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